

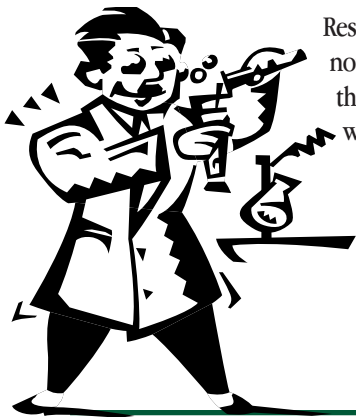
# CITY *Visions*

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## *Perchlorate Treatment Facility Operational at Nordstrom Well*

**WHILE ALL** City wells tested “non-detect” for perchlorate in May and June, the City continues to work diligently expanding our water supply system to ensure that all customers have an adequate supply of quality water during the summer months of peak demand. A perchlorate treatment facility is scheduled to be operating at the Nordstrom well. The Nordstrom well, one of the City’s biggest producers, was taken off-line earlier this year when an initial test detected low levels of perchlorate. In addition, the City, in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, is installing an identical treatment facility at the Tennant well which should be ready to deliver water later in the summer.

The City continues to monitor Olin Corporation’s perchlorate cleanup efforts. Olin submitted reports for both groundwater and soil remediation to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in late June. The City, along with many other concerned agencies and individuals, has taken the position that Olin is not doing enough nor acting fast enough to both investigate and remediate the contamination emanating from their site.



Results from the City’s well tests in late July were not available at press time but can be viewed on the “What’s New” page of the City’s web site at [www.morgan-hill.ca.gov](http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov).

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## *You Can Help Make Our New Library A Reality*

**AS ANYONE** who’s been there recently can attest, the Morgan Hill Library is very well used by seniors, youth, and many Morgan Hill residents. The facility’s use has dramatically outgrown its actual space. The City, in cooperation with the School District and County Library, has recently submitted a grant application to the State for the funds needed to construct a new Morgan Hill Library.

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# Fiscal Year 2003/04 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget Adopted

**O**N JUNE 18, the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2003/04 operating and capital improvement budgets for the City and Redevelopment Agency. Prior to this passage, workshops were held on May 23 and June 11 for the Council to review the proposed budget, and a Public Hearing was conducted on June 18 to give the public a chance to express their comments.

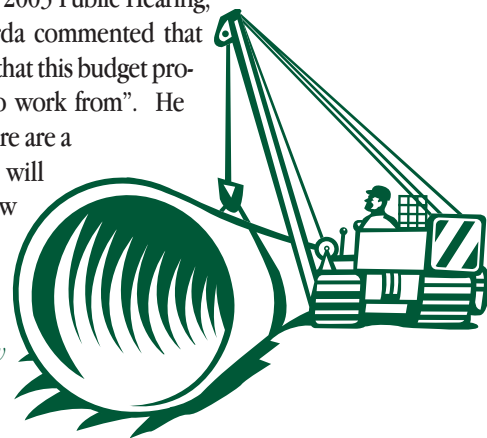
The total adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2003/04 is \$101,289,097, or, as a result of an increase in capital projects, \$14,626,129 more than the 2002/03 budget; the FY 2003/04 Adopted Budget includes a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of \$41,950,298. The budget also includes the projected opening of the Aquatics Center in late 2003/04.

Revenues for the General Fund, including transfers in, are estimated to be \$16,073,853. This represents a 5% increase over the previous year's projected revenues, however, most of the increase is related to the first full year of operations at the Community & Cultural Center.

Sales taxes are estimated to increase by 1% and transient occupancy taxes are estimated to increase by 2% in 2003/04. In general, the 2003/04 Budget estimates reflect very modest growth for most General Fund revenues as we expect that the economy will recover slowly over the next year.

The City continues to monitor budgetary challenges. These include declining revenues, uncontrollable cost increases, and the threat of State take-away. At the June 18, 2003 Public Hearing, City Treasurer Mike Roorda commented that "there is work ahead, and that this budget produces a good base line to work from". He continued to add that "there are a lot of uncertainties that will come up in the next few months".

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## "LIBRARY" FROM PAGE 1

We need your help to make this new vision a reality. By following these 3 simple steps, you can help to let the grant review panel in Sacramento know why Morgan Hill needs a new larger, more modern library.

**STEP 1:** Think about why Morgan Hill needs a new library. If you'd like some ideas, visit the New Library page on the City's website and read the top 20 reasons Morgan Hill needs a new library.

**STEP 2:** Select a couple of reasons you think are significant and write a brief letter stating your feelings about why we need a new library

**STEP 3:** Address and mail your letter by August 31, 2003 to:  
Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian of California  
Office of Library Construction  
1029 J Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814-2825



## LINEAR THINKING...

For those to whom a "park" means a meadow-like setting, the idea of a linear park may seem quite different. Butterfield Boulevard Linear Park's meandering paved pathway, installed street trees, irrigation system, and mulch represent an effort to bring some natural beauty to the area along the east side of Butterfield, between Main and San Pedro avenues. Funded through a CalTrans grant, construction work on this park will begin in August, with completion due in October. The City's Parks Master Plan calls for installing linear parks along all creeks and channels where possible.



# ANNUAL SOUTH COUNTY GARAGE SALE COMING IN SEPTEMBER 2003



Promote the idea of reuse, conserve landfill space and avoid wasting valuable resources - have a garage sale! Morgan Hill, Gilroy and South Santa Clara County are celebrating their commitment to reducing waste by sponsoring a South County Garage Sale Day on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th.

You provide the garage. You keep the cash. Clean out your closets and empty the attic! We will provide free advertising and free garage sale kits. These kits include tips for a successful sale, inventory sheets and a list of organizations who will accept donations of usable items. (You may want to check with your Home Owners Association, if applicable, to make sure you can have a garage sale.) For more information, contact the City of Morgan Hill Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247 or by email at [andib@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov](mailto:andib@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov)

TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETE AND RETURN  
THE APPLICATION AT THE RIGHT BY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2003

NAME/PHONE (WILL NOT BE LISTED IN AD)

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ADDRESS OF GARAGE SALE

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DAYS PARTICIPATING (CIRCLE ONE):

Saturday Only

Sunday Only

Saturday and Sunday

ITEMS YOU WILL SELL (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY):

Antiques    Appliances    Books

Clothes    Furniture    Jewelry

Toys    Other (please list):

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## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

I agree to operate my garage sale on the day(s) specified above, from 8 AM until 2 PM. I agree to contact the City if I cancel my sale so that my address can be removed from the list of participants. I understand that the deadline for my application/cancellation is Friday, August 22, if my address is to be included in the garage sale ads appearing in local papers. I understand and agree that the City makes no guarantee of sales volume or level of advertising or other publicity. Regarding any claims or liabilities of any nature arising from my participation in this program, I hereby waive any claims I or my representatives may have, and further agree to protect, defend and hold harmless City and its officers, agents, and employees.

SIGNATURE



RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Garage Sale Day

Environmental Programs Division

17555 Peak Avenue

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

YOU CAN ALSO FAX THIS FORM TO 779-7236

# MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	8/20	7PM LIVE
	8/21	NOON REPLAY
	8/23	8PM REPLAY
	8/24	NOON REPLAY

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SESSION	8/27	7PM LIVE
	8/28	NOON REPLAY
	8/30	8PM REPLAY
	8/31	NOON REPLAY

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION:	8/12	7PM LIVE
	8/13	NOON REPLAY
	8/16	NOON REPLAY
	8/17	8PM REPLAY

SPARKY'S FIRE SAFETY FOR KIDS  
9:00AM & 4:30PM DAILY  
7PM FRIDAY

FIRE SAFETY INSIDE & OUT  
10:00AM & 5:30PM DAILY  
8:00PM FRIDAY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### FARMER'S MARKET • EVERY SATURDAY

Call 779-5130 for more information.

### FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC SERIES • EVERY FRIDAY

Call 779-9444 for more information.

### LIBRARY CLOSED FOR UPGRADE • AUGUST 6TH

The Morgan Hill Library will be closing at 5 pm on August 6 and will remain closed until noon on August 8th while the Library's computer system is upgraded.

### COMPOSTING WORKSHOP • AUGUST 16TH

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th, from 10:00PM-12:00AM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

### LABOR DAY • SEPTEMBER 1ST

City offices will be closed. Regular garbage and recycling service.

### PATRIOTS DAY • SEPTEMBER 11TH

Join us at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center at Noon.

### CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor <b>Dennis Kennedy</b>	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore <b>Hedy L. Chang</b>	778-0511
Councilmember <b>Larry Carr</b>	779-9622
Councilmember <b>Greg Sellers</b>	778-2370
Councilmember <b>Steve Tate</b>	779-6992
City Clerk <b>Irma Torrez</b>	779-7259
City Treasurer <b>Michael Roorda</b>	778-3653

### CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager <b>J. Edward Tewes</b>
City Attorney <b>Helene L. Leichter</b>
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Community Development Director <b>David Bischoff</b>
Council Services and Records Manager <b>Irma Torrez</b>
Finance Director <b>Jack Dilles</b>
Human Resources Director <b>Mary Kaye Fisher</b>
Police Chief <b>Gerald T. Galvin</b>
Public Works Director <b>Jim Ashcraft</b>
Recreation and Community Services Manager <b>Julie Spier</b>

### CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM

Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Community & Cultural Center	782-0008
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation & Community Services	782-0008
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278
City Hall Fax Number	779-3117

City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

### CONTACT THE EDITOR

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